

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): A process for the decorative design of a surface of a motor vehicle or parts thereof, comprising the following steps:

- a) coating a darkly lacquered surface of a motor vehicle or part thereof with a cationically and/or radically curable coating agent capable of being cured by high energy radiation to form an uncured coating layer, wherein the coating is applied to the surface of the motor vehicle or part thereof that is to be decorated,
- b) pressing one or more embossing dies exhibiting a relief having amplitude maxima that are spaced from one another in the range from 100 to 20,000 nm, into the uncured coating layer at a place or places to be decorated to form one or more regions that are covered by the one or more embossing dies, wherein the dies are partially or totally translucent to the high energy radiation,
- c) at least partially curing the regions that are covered by the one or more embossing dies by irradiation through the one or more embossing dies with high energy radiation, wherein the embossing dies are partially or totally translucent with respect to the high energy radiation,
- d) removing the one or more embossing dies, and
- e) curing the at least partially cured regions if necessary with high energy radiation to completely cure the at least partially cured regions.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The process according to claim 11 wherein said coating agent is capable of being cured by irradiation with light and said at least partial curing is effected by irradiation with light.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The process according to claim 12 wherein said irradiation is effected with light having a wavelength from 180 to 1,000 nm.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The process according to claim 11 wherein said coating agent is capable of being cured by thermal means, and wherein said at least partially curing of step (e) is thermal.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The process according to claim 11 wherein a transparent coating layer is applied before step (e).

Claim 16 (previously presented): The process according to claim 11 wherein a transparent coating layer is applied after step (e).

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended): A motor vehicle or parts thereof with a decorative surface or partial surface formed by a process comprising the following steps:

- a) coating a darkly lacquered surface of a motor vehicle or part thereof with a cationically and/or radically curable coating agent capable of being cured by high energy radiation to form an uncured coating layer, wherein the coating is applied to the surface of the motor vehicle or part thereof that is to be decorated,
- b) pressing one or more embossing dies exhibiting a relief having amplitude maxima that are spaced from one another in the range from 100 to 20,000 nm, into the uncured coating layer at a place or places to be decorated to form one or more regions that are covered by the one or more embossing dies, wherein the dies are partially or totally translucent to the high energy radiation,
- c) at least partially curing the regions that are covered by the one or more embossing dies by irradiation through the one or more embossing dies with high energy radiation, wherein the embossing dies are partially or totally translucent with respect to the high energy radiation,
- d) removing the one or more embossing dies, and
- e) curing the at least partially cured regions if necessary with high energy radiation to completely cure the at least partially cured regions.

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (previously presented): The substrate according to claim 18 wherein said coating agent is capable of being cured by thermal means, and wherein said at least partially curing of step (e) is thermal.